

CROMER URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

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ANNUAL REPORT

of the

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

and

PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

for the

YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER,

1971

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CROMER URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

REPORT

of the

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

for the

Year ended 31st December, 1971.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present the Annual Report for the year ending 31st December, 1971.

There was again a decrease in population. Not only did deaths outnumber births but some residents left the district.

In an area of aging population housing for the elderly assumes major importance. It is not economic from any angle for an elderly person to occupy a three bedroom house. Far better that such a property be released for the married couple with the young family. The provision of housing for the elderly requires careful examination. There are needs that should be considered, the foremost of which is the site.

The location should be in a somewhat sheltered area so that the winter weather does not mean big fuel bills; it should also be a level site and have level approach roads. Icy patches on footpaths are very dangerous to the less surefooted. It should be within easy, comfortable walking distance of the shops, the local library, such social activities as are provided for this age group and the church or chapel if possible. Many elderly people like to live near but not too near a housing estate where there are young children. In other words because one has retired from employment one should not be considered as retired from living! It may be pleasant to have as neighbours people of one's own age group, but segregation of the elderly can be depressing.

In the planning of this type of housing a warden supervised scheme with a call system is a definite advantage and does help to preserve independence while still keeping the residents in a community.

There are many differing housing designs but an essential feature must be some form of central heating which is not too costly, and the addition of double glazing though initially expensive can cut fuel bills very considerably. Central heating is not a modern luxury - the Romans had underfloor heating over 2000 years ago!!

Modifications to bathroom and toilet, cupboards that are accessible, power points at a reasonable height from the floor and many other items orientated to the age group can be provided at little or no extra cost, but this planning of the flatlet or bungalow must be carefully thought out so that the rehousing can be accomplished smoothly and the new resident encouraged to enjoy the amenities and not be frightened by a changed environment.



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General Statistics.

Area in acres	1,158
Rateable Value	£242,501
Estimated Product of New Penny Rate	£2,310

Vital Statistics.

	<u>1971</u>	<u>1970</u>	<u>England & Wales</u>
Estimated Mid Year Population	5,290	5,460	48,815,000
Live Births	62	70	783,165
Live birth rate per 1000 Population (adjusted)	13.5	14.7	16.0
Illegitimate live births per cent of total live births	8%	11%	8%
Still Births	6	-	9,898
Infant Mortality Rates			
Infant deaths (deaths under 1 year)	2	-	13,726
Total infant deaths per 1000 live births	32	-	18
Deaths of legitimate infants per 1000 legitimate live births	35	-	12,140
Deaths of illegitimate infants per 1000 illegitimate live births	-	-	1,586
Neonatal mortality rate (deaths under 4 weeks per 1000 live births)	32	-	12
Early neonatal mortality rate (deaths under 1 week per 1000 live births)	16	-	10
Perinatal mortality rate (still births and deaths under 1 week) per 1000 total	103	-	22
Deaths all ages	118	113	567,345
Death rate (adjusted)	11.2	10.4	11.6

There was a natural decrease (deaths - births) of 56 and an actual decrease of 170.

Though the infant mortality rates look alarming close inspection will show that once again small figures are misleading. Obviously six stillbirths are very regrettable and inflate the perinatal mortality rate but as had been stated previously the perinatal period is fraught with danger and the perinatal mortality rate is extremely difficult to reduce. Greater attention to antenatal care is paid each year and it is only by these means that this figure can be reduced, but again it should be stressed that small figures are misleading. This is manifest once more in the infant mortality rate of 32 per 1000 live births, when the actual number of deaths is two in 62 live births. There were five illegitimate live births and two illegitimate stillbirths.

The death rate of 11.2 compares favourably with the national rate (11.6) and the increase of 0.80 per thousand is not significant.

<u>Causes of death</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Late effects of respiratory T.B.	2	-	2
Malignant neoplasm, stomach	2	-	2
Malignant neoplasm, intestine	2	1	3
Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus	4	1	5
Malignant neoplasm, breast	-	2	2
Leukaemia	1	-	1
Other malignant neoplasms	6	3	9
Benign and unspecified neoplasms	1	-	1
Chronic Rheumatic Heart Disease	-	1	1
Ischaemic Heart Disease	15	5	20
Other forms of Heart Disease	3	4	7
Cerebrovascular Disease	7	11	18
Other diseases of circulatory system	2	-	2
Pneumonia	7	20	27
Bronchitis and emphysema	5	1	6
Other diseases of respiratory system	2	-	2
Other diseases of digestive system	-	1	1
Diseases of Musculo-skeletal system	-	1	1
Congenital anomalies	-	1	1
Birth injury, difficult labour, etc.	1	-	1
Symptoms and ill defined conditions	1	-	1
All other accidents	1	-	1
Suicide and self-inflicted injuries	4	-	4
TOTAL ALL CAUSES	66	52	118

Apart from the two deaths under 4 weeks of age, one death in the 15-24 age group from self-inflicted injury and one death due to accident in the 35-44 age group, there was only one death due to pathological causes under age 45 years. There were 16 deaths in the wage earning population (age 15-65) the greatest number (10) occurring in the 55-64 age group. Fifty-seven per cent of deaths occurred, as would be expected, over 75 years of age, the major cause of death being pneumonia. It is common that in this age group pneumonia is a terminal illness, even where there is some other disease process. Indeed it is often a complication of surgery in the elderly.

Coronary artery disease or Ischaemic heart disease as it is now called accounted for 20 deaths, 1 in the 45-54 age group, 9 in the 65-74 age group and 10 over 75 years of age, that is 16.9% of all deaths.

There were 22 deaths from cancer (18.6%) and of these 5 were due to cancer of the lung (22%).

INFECTIOUS DISEASES

	<u>1971</u>	<u>1970</u>	<u>1969</u>
Scarlet Fever	1	-	-
Whooping Cough	-	-	-
Measles	7	25	-
Dysentery (S. sonnei)	1	-	-
Meningococcal infection	-	-	-
Food poisoning	-	-	-
Infective Hepatitis (Jaundice)	3	1	-
Acute meningitis	1	-	-
S. typhi murium	1	-	-
Tuberculosis	2	-	-

Tuberculosis Register

	<u>1971</u>			<u>1970</u>		
	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Pulmonary	11	13	24	12	12	24
Non-Pulmonary	2	5	7	2	4	6
	<u>13</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>31</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>30</u>

There were two new cases during the year and one patient already known moved out of the area and one died. It will be noted that in the "causes of death" it is stated that there were 2 deaths from tuberculosis. One death occurred in a patient not resident in the area at death but whose usual place of residence had been within the area.

PREVENTION OF INFECTION

Norfolk County Council via the School Health Service and the Child Health Clinics provided protection against whooping cough, diphtheria, tetanus, poliomyelitis, measles, rubella (German measles) and tuberculosis. General practitioners also provide immunisation and vaccination against the above with the exception of tuberculosis.

Rubella immunisation is offered to girls in their thirteenth year. It is known that rubella infection or even contact with infection during the first three months of pregnancy can have harmful effects on the developing baby. Hence immunisation towards the end of the school attendance period provides protection for later life.

The following tables show the work done in the preventive field by the General Practitioners and the County Departmental Medical Officers.

General Practitioners.

Type of Vaccine	Course	Year of Birth						Total
		1971	1970	1969	1968	1964-1967	Others under 16 yrs.	
Diphtheria/ Tetanus & Whooping Cough	Primary	-	27	9	1	-	-	37
	Rein- forcing	-	-	6	5	-	-	11
Diphtheria/ Tetanus	Primary	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Rein- forcing	-	-	-	2	18	4	24
Tetanus	Primary	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Rein- forcing	-	-	-	-	-	23	23
Diphtheri	Primary	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Rein- forcing	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
Measles	Primary	-	23	12	7	11	1	54
	Rein- forcing	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

County Departmental Medical Officers.

Diphtheria/ Tetanus & Whooping Cough	Primary	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Rein- forcing	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Diphtheria/ Tetanus	Primary	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Rein- forcing	-	-	-	-	2	-	2
Diphtheria	Primary	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Rein- forcing	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tetanus	Primary	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
	Rein- forcing	-	-	-	-	-	14	14
Measles	Primary	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Rein- forcing	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Rubella, 1971

Year of birth:	1955	1956	1957	1958	1959	Total
County Departmental Medical Officers:	-	6	22	-	-	28
General Practitioners:	3	5	9	4	2	23

Poliomyelitis

General Practitioners.

Type of Vaccine	Course	Year of Birth						Total
		1971	1970	1969	1968	1964-1967	Others under 16	
Sabin (oral vaccine)	Primary	-	29	10	3	-	1	43
	Reinforcing	-	1	5	4	20	4	34

County Departmental Medical Officers.

Sabin (Oral vaccine)	Primary	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Reinforcing	-	-	-	-	2	4	6

Smallpox

General Practitioners

Age when vaccinated	0 - 3 months	3 - 6 months	6 - 9 months	9 - 12 months	1 yr.	2-4 yrs.	5-16 yrs.	Total
Primary Vaccination	-	-	-	2	30	4	3	39
Re-vaccination	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	2
	-	-	-	2	30	4	5	41

County Departmental Medical Officers.

Primary vaccination	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Re-vaccination	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

The Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation recently reviewed the indications for offering smallpox vaccination in Great Britain now. The Committee stated in July 1971 that vaccination against smallpox need not now be recommended as a routine procedure in early childhood. However, all travelling to and from areas where smallpox is endemic should be protected by recent vaccination as should those members of Health Service staff who come into contact with patients suffering from smallpox.

B.C.G. Vaccination

As previously stated Norfolk County Council offer protection against this disease usually in the thirteenth year. It is advisable that this procedure continue as there is still the unsuspected case whose presence is a menace especially to the younger age groups.

Vaccinations carried out by the School Medical Officer are shown below:

Number of children eligible	92
Number of acceptances	87
Number of children Heaf tested	76
Number of tests read	72
Number of tests positive	3
Number of children vaccinated	65
Tuberculin index (percentage positive readings of total readings)	4.6

CHILD HEALTH CLINIC

The Norfolk County Council under the National Health Act, 1946 provide a Child Health Clinic at the Cromer Health Office. This clinic is held on the first and third Thursday each month, the Medical Officer attending on the first Thursday. Immunisation and vaccination programmes are implemented and developmental paediatric examinations of the children are made at routine intervals.

In conclusion I would like to thank members of the Public Health Committee and Council for their interest in the work of the Department; also the Staff of the Urban District Council and the Local Health Office for their help in the preparation of this Report.

I have the honour to be

Your Obedient Servant,

Lydia McMurdo, L.R.C.P., M.R.C.S., D.P.H.

PART 2

CROMER URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

FOR THE YEAR 1971.

To the Members of the Cromer Urban District Council.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I am honoured to present to you yet another Annual Report, the tenth since taking up my duties in Cromer.

The work of the Public Health Department has gone on steadily throughout the year, with special emphasis on maintaining and raising the standards of food hygiene in our hotels, restaurants and other catering establishments. Visits were made as regularly as possible to offices and shops to secure compliance with the Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act, 1963.

The rate of house building was maintained, particularly in the private sector, but the year was a lean one so far as council house completions were concerned. However, the rate of flat conversions and house improvements accelerated during the period, providing much needed additional housing accommodation, the demands for which never seem to lessen over the years. It was found necessary to spend more and more time on carrying through the complicated Improvement Grant procedures.

Big improvements were carried out in the surface water drainage system with a view to cutting out the recurring flooding in Station Road, Overstrand Road (Chalet Park, Cricket Field and Bowling Green areas) in times of heavy storm. Consideration will have to be given to the maintenance of the outfall sewer under the Pier as the condition of this pipe deteriorates with every storm to which it is so much exposed. This consideration may be linked with a proposal to construct a completely new outfall sewer to take the treated sewage from an area extending from Sheringham to Overstrand.

In accordance with Government policy, it was regretted that we eventually had to lose our profitable water undertaking to Norwich Corporation from 1st April, 1971.

Amongst the more unusual nuisances for which action had to be taken was against noise from a 'Bingo' hall and from the 'tannoy' system of a local works. Authority was obtained from the Courts to demolish the dangerous Metropole Hotel and one now wishes that the site could be re-developed without further delay.

The disease of vandalism remained with us, giving rise to so much waste of time, effort and ratepayers' money.

For the record, may I mention that the Indoor Market commenced in Garden St. on 7.5.71, the town was favoured as the venue of the International Helicopter Meet on 17.6.71, an outdoors Draughtsboard was gifted to North Lodge Park on 14.7.71, and abnormal storms in August and November caused much damage to

the sea front, especially to the East Walkway, the West End Chalets, and the Beach Steps from Kuntun Road Car Park.

Mr. Young left my Department on 2.7.71 and Mr. H.D. Watts took up his duties on 16.8.71.

My thanks go to the Chairman and Members of the Public Health Committee and to Dr. McMurdo, Medical Officer of Health, for their understanding and encouragement and to all members of the staff, with a special mention for Mr. Watts, for their co-operation and help.

I am,

Your obedient servant,

T.B. Adamson
Surveyor & Public Health Inspector

22nd August, 1972.

HOUSING.

New houses completed during the year	With State Assistance	Unaided	Total
(a) By Local Authority	-	-	-
(b) By any other Housing Authority	-	-	-
(c) By private persons	-	26	26

Total number of inhabited houses in District 2,177

Total number of houses owned by Local Authority 278

ACTION WITH REGARD TO UNFIT HOUSES

<u>Closing and Demolition</u>	<u>No. of Houses</u>
1. Houses demolished in Clearance Area	-
2. Houses demolished not in Clearance Areas	3
3. Houses closed, not demolished	-
4. Any other houses permanently discontinued as dwellings and not included in above.	2

RepairsHouses made fit

5. By informal action	28
6. By owner following statutory notice	7
7. By Local Authority in default of owners	-
8. Demolition orders revoked after reconstruction	-

Houses Patched

9. Houses in clearance areas still in use at end of year for temporary accommodation	-
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SLUM CLEARANCE

1. Total number of unfit houses as originally estimated in 1955	36
2. Total number of unfit houses demolished since January 1956	16
3. Demolition Orders made during the year	1
4. Undertakings (Sect. 17), accepted from owners	7
5. Estimated number of houses in the district remaining unfit for human habitation.	19

IMPROVEMENT GRANTSA. DISCRETIONARY GRANTS under Sect. 30, Housing (Financial Provisions) Act, 19581. CONVERSIONS

Number of dwellings* concerned in APPLICATIONS received this year 15

Number of dwellings in applications APPROVED this year

(i) owner-occupied 5

(ii) other 12

Amount of grant Council approved on applications this year 11,322

Average amount of grant per dwelling* approved on applications this year £754.80

2. IMPROVEMENTS

Number of dwellings concerned in APPLICATIONS received this year. 2

Number of dwellings in applications APPROVED this year

(i) owner-occupied 1

(ii) other -

Amount of grant approved on application this year £1,000

Average amount of grant approved per dwelling on application this year £1,000

3. CONVERSIONS/IMPROVEMENTS

Total number of dwellings APPROVED for grant in the area since inception of scheme 92

B. STANDARD GRANTS under the House Purchase and Housing Act, 1959, and Housing Act, 1964

Number of dwellings concerned in APPLICATIONS received this year 14

Number of dwellings in applications APPROVED this year

(a) Owner-occupied (i) FULL STANDARD (normal limit) 8

(ii) FULL STANDARD (higher limit) 3

(iii) REDUCED STANDARD -

(b) Other (i) FULL STANDARD (normal limit) 1

(ii) FULL STANDARD (higher limit) 2

(iii) REDUCED STANDARD -

Number of dwellings concerned in standard grants PAID this year	21
Amount paid	£4,167

Number of amenities provided:-

Fixed baths or showers	19
Wash basins	19
Hot water supplies	19
Water closets	18
Food storage facilities	-
Sinks	14
Average grant per dwelling	£198.43

Number of dwellings concerned in higher limit grants PAID this year	5
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Additional grant-aided work:-

Number of bathrooms added	5
Number of piped water supplies installed	4
Number of septic tank drainage systems installed	-

Number of dwellings concerned in reduced standard grants PAID this year	-
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COUNCIL HOUSING

During the year the first phase at Howards Hill was started, Messrs. J. Owen Bond & Sons, Norwich were responsible for the planning of the site and houses, and the work is being carried out by Bullens of Cromer. Improvements to properties, Nos. 7, 8 & 9 Cottages, Tucker St., are also commenced, bathrooms and kitchens being provided with the addition of extensions. (3 Cottages).

Council house maintenance was carried out mainly by direct labour during the whole of the year, except for the contract painting which was carried out in accordance with the agreed rota. Repairs requiring the attention of a plumber were passed to local firms for attention.

The Council are continually vetting allegedly sub-standard accommodation following applications for Council houses. A report of the conditions found is noted on the Council House Application List, as well as informing the owners of the property of any difficulties.

COMMON LODGING HOUSES

No Common Lodging Houses exist within the Urban District.

CARAVAN SITES

There are two Caravan Sites and one Chalet Site pleasantly situated within the Urban District. Details are as follows:-

ROYAL LINKS (Mrs. E. B. S. Arandel-Langley) - 96 Caravans for holiday purposes, (winter storage)

PINEWOOD (Mr. Robt. S. Hill) - 123 Caravans for holiday purposes, (winter storage)

CHALET SITE, Overstrand Road (King's of Loutham) - 112 holiday chalets.

All sites are conducted satisfactorily, and the owners are always willing to co-operate as much as possible.

SEWAGE AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL

The new surface water drains commenced in 1970 were completed this year. These surface water drains serve Station Road through to Grove Road, and from Cromwell Road along the south and west sides of the Cricket Field, through to and including Cliff Avenue. As a result of this no flooding has been experienced in the Suffield Park and Cricket Field areas.

The foul sewerage system continues to work satisfactorily. The present means of sewage treatment, i.e., Settlement Tanks below the Promenade, also continues to work satisfactorily. The tanks were emptied and cleaned out at the end of the year. The condition of the outfall sewer, however, at the end of the Pier is giving some cause for concern and is being kept under surveillance.

STREET CLEANSING

The continuing use of the Johnson Mechanical Sweeper has enabled us to maintain the roads in a clean condition. Where space is confined hand sweeping is carried out. Both Sheringham U.D.C. and North Walsham U.D.C. hire the machine and driver for a regular period each week.

PUBLIC CLEANSING

The system of refuse collection continued satisfactorily throughout the year with the use of the Dennis Paxit IIA Refuse Collection Vehicle, supplemented with the use of the small side loader. The latter vehicle caused concern since its condition was rapidly deteriorating and it was not entirely reliable.

On the coming into force of the vehicle operators licensing procedure, a shortage of drivers with the now necessary heavy goods vehicles licence was created, there being a very limited reserve. The Norfolk County Council also undertook a work study of refuse collection during this period.

REFUSE DISPOSAL

The management of the refuse tip continued to be reasonably satisfactory during the year. The local contractor continues to provide the necessary bull-dozing services, covering the refuse at the end of each working day. The new entrance provided at the southern end of the tip has provided a better means of access. Some difficulties were experienced with loose papers and plastic bags being blown by high winds but in all cases these were manually collected over the following days.

PUBLIC CONVENIENCES

Regular maintenance and the vigilance of the regular attendants, proved a very successful policy which was reflected in the fact that complaints regarding the nine sets of public conveniences during the year were minimal.

INSPECTION OF MEAT AND OTHER FOODS

Routine inspections were carried out in various shops and wholesale warehouses in the district. As a result 10 certificates were issued for various types of food during the year. It is still the Council's policy to make a charge of 10p. for each certificate issued.

FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, 1955

Inspections were carried out during the year and it was not found necessary to institute proceedings against any caterer in the town. The general standard is still improving and with the continued vigilance of the Public Health Inspector it is hoped this improvement will continue.

FOOD PREMISESFOOD HYGIENE (GENERAL) REGULATIONS 1960

As requested in the Ministry of Health Circular 1/68 para. 8 (c), the following table gives the required information of food premises:-

Category	No. of Premises	Complying Reg. 16 (Washbasins)	Premises Reg. 19 applies (sinks)	Complying Reg. 19
Hotel	22	22	22	22
Restaurant	9	9	9	9
Cafe	18	18	18	18
Butcher	7	7	7	7
Baker	3	3	3	3
Fishmonger	5	4	4	2
Dairy	3	3	3	3
Grocer	15	15	15	15
Greengrocer & Fruit	8	5	6	6
Confectioner	8	6	8	7
Public Houses	12	12	12	12
Poultry & Eggs	1	-	-	-
Schools	3	3	3	3
Institutions	7	7	7	7
TOTAL	121	114	117	114

WATER SUPPLY

The Council had two sources of supply, viz:-

(a) At Metton, with a potential yield of 72,000 gallons per hour on a 16 hour day, and

(b) At Roughton Road, with a potential yield of 12,000 gallons per hour on a 16 hour day.

The East Suffolk and Norfolk River Authority licensed the two stations under the Water Resources Act, 1963, to abstract 240,000,000 gallons, and 15,000,000 gallons per year from sources (a) and (b) respectively.

The staffing of both Stations was very satisfactory. Repairs to the Metton pumphouse are still outstanding, otherwise both Stations had satisfactory working during the period of the first three months of 1971.

The amount of water produced in the first three months of 1971 were from

	<u>1971</u> (First three months)	<u>1970</u> (Whole year)
Metton	50,924,000 gallons	225,618,000 gallons 14,498,000 gallons
Roughton Road	Nil (only operated in summer months)	
	<hr/> 50,924,000 gallons <hr/>	<hr/> 240,116,000 gallons <hr/>

Normal maintenance was carried out to the system by the Department, and the principal extensions to the mains were made in the various new housing estates, with tapplings, and services to new properties.

On 1st April, 1971 the water undertaking, previously managed by Cromer U.D.C., was taken over by Norwich Corporation Water Department. We continued to liaise with the Norwich Water Department until they became completely familiar with the workings of the system. All members of our water staff were of course absorbed by the new water undertaking and we have continually given cooperation on any water problems with the new Water Department.

The numbers of premises which were supplied by the Cromer Water Undertaking are:-

	<u>Population</u> <u>(Winter)</u>	<u>Direct</u> <u>to</u> <u>Houses</u>	<u>By</u> <u>Stand</u> <u>Pipes</u>	<u>To</u> <u>Other</u> <u>Premises</u>
Cromer U.D. (Exclusive of caravans)	5,500	2,144	7	491
Overstrand Parish (Est.)	790	370	-	45
Rulton Parish (Est.)	1,390	748	-	80
Aylmerton (Est.)	222	80	-	20
Felbrigg (Est.)	220	64	6	7
Northrepps (Est.)	180	68	-	9
Roughton (Est.)	135	42	-	-
	<u>8,437</u>	<u>3,516</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>652</u>

A plentiful supply of good wholesome water was provided throughout the period. All demands were met, and no shortages were reported.

RODENT CONTROL

The following table gives details of the work of the Department during the year 1971:-

<u>Properties other than sewers</u>	<u>Type of Property</u>	
	<u>Non-Agricultural</u>	<u>Agricultural</u>
1. Number of properties in district	2,666	5
2. (a) Total no. of properties, (incl. nearby premises), inspected following notification	117	-
(b) No. infested by (i) Rats	64	-
(ii) Mice	38	-
3. (a) Total no. of properties inspected for rats and/or mice for reasons other than notification	10	-
(b) No. infested by (i) Rats	9	-
(ii) Mice	-	-

SEWERS

4. No sewers were infested by rats during the year.

FACTORIES ACT, 1961

Annual Report of the Medical Officer of Health in respect of the year 1971, for the Urban District of Cromer, in the County of Norfolk.

Prescribed particulars on the administration of the Factories Act, 1961.

PART I OF THE ACT

1. INSPECTIONS for purposes of provisions as to health, (including inspections made by Public Health Inspectors).

Premises (1)	Number on Register (2)	Inspections (3)	Written Notices (4)	Number of Occupiers prosecuted (5)
(i) Factories in which Sections 1,2,3,4 & 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	9	-	-	-
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Sect. 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	25	6	-	-
(iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority, (excluding outworkers' premises).	7	-	-	-
TOTAL	40	6	-	-

2. Cases in which DEFECTS were found. (If defects are discovered at the premises on two, three or more separate occasions, they should be reckoned as two, three or more "cases").

Particulars (1)	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosec- utions were institu- ted. (6)
	Found (2)	Remedied (3)	Referred		
			To H.M. Inspector (4)	By H.M. Inspector (5)	
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7)					
(a) Insufficient	-	-	-	-	-
(b) Unsuitable or defective	-	-	-	-	-
(c) Not separate for sexes	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	-	-	-	-	-

OUTWORK

Nature of Work.	No. of out-workers in August list required by Section 133 (1) (c) (2)	No. of cases of default in sending list to the Council (3)	No. of prosecutions for failure to supply lists (4)	No. of instances of work in unwholesome premises (5)	Notices served (6)	Prosecutions (7)
Umbrellas etc.	3	-	-	-	-	-

THE OFFICES, SHOPS & RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963

Registrations and general inspections:-

Class of premises (1)	No. of premises newly registered during year (2)	Total number registered premises at end of year (3)	No. of registered premises receiving one or more than general inspections during the year. (4)
Offices	1	41	23
Retail Shops	5	107	87
Wholesale shops, warehouses	-	6	4
Catering establishments open to the public, canteens	-	32	32
Fuel storage depots	-	2	2
TOTALS	6	188	146

Analysis of persons employed in registered premises by workplace:-

Class or workplace	No. of persons employed
Offices	219
Retail Shops	458
Wholesale departments, warehouses	54
Catering establishments open to public	154
Canteens	2
Fuel storage depots	12
TOTAL	999
Total Males	414
Total Females	485

Inspections under this Act were carried out during the year. Premises were found to be in a reasonable condition in most cases. Where minor works were required it was possible to get these done by informal action with the owners concerned.

TABLE OF INSPECTIONS MADE DURING THE YEAR

Housing Inspections	- Private	134
	- Council (Occupied)	140
Food Inspections	- Shops	65
	- Cafes	87
	- Hotels	24
	- Others	35
Public Health Nuisances	- Informal Action	53
Public Health Nuisances	- Statutory Action	44
Food - Foreign Bodies		6
Rodent Control		10
Public Conveniences		120
Refuse Tip		180
Water		39
Factories - Power		3
- Non Power		-
Building Regulations		322
Drainage		126
Offices, Shops & Railway Premises Act, 1963		146
New Council House Building		29
Caravans and Chalets		11
Unsound Food Notices - No. of certificates		10
Improvement Grants - Standard		5
Improvement Grants - Discretionary		5
Houses in Multiple Occupation		1
Infectious diseases		1

